



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5140

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING THE HAND-HARVESTING OF HORSESHOE CRABS IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of title 26 of the general statutes, no person shall engage in
3 the hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs or the eggs of horseshoe crabs
4 from the waters of this state.

5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
6 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
7 authorize the hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs by permit for: (1)
8 Educational or scientific purposes provided the commissioner
9 determines that such harvesting will not cause harm to the horseshoe
10 crab population in this state, or (2) the collection of blood from
11 horseshoe crabs for biomedical purposes provided any such horseshoe
12 crab is returned, unharmed, to the waters from which it was collected.

13 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
14 fined twenty-five dollars for each specimen taken in violation of this
15 section.

16 (d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
17 enforce the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*